

**IOWA COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS
BI-MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
MEETING HELD AT THE IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY,
PRESENTATION ROOM AT 10:00 A.M. ON FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2012**

A regularly scheduled Iowa Council on Homelessness meeting was held on Friday May 18, 2012 at the Iowa Finance Authority, 2015 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa

I CALL TO ORDER

The May 18, 2012 meeting of the Iowa Council on Homelessness was called to order at 10:15 A.M. by Chair Gronstal due to technical difficulties at the Iowa Communications Network. There are currently 37 members on the Iowa Council on Homelessness. The following voting members were present: Axeen, Beilke-McCallum, Brand, Brown, Brustkern, Canganeli, Davidson, Dunnwald, Erickson, Falck, Fidelis, Fisher, Flores (alt. for Armstrong), Gronstal, Hagen, Harris, Hearn, Heckman, Johnson, Kellogg, Leuck, Peterson, Thomas (alt. for Phillips), Timm, and Wilson. A quorum of members was established.

II ICN ETIQUETTE REVIEW

No action taken.

III APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Timm and was seconded by Mr. Beilke-McCallum to approve the agenda for the May 18, 2012 Iowa Council on Homelessness meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

IV APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 16, 2012 MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Flores and was seconded by Mr. Timm to approve the March 16, 2012 Iowa Council on Homelessness meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

V COMMITTEE / TASK FORCE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Mr. Gronstal

Chair Gronstal discussed that the Iowa Council on Homelessness had received a one-time appropriation of \$50,000 from the Iowa State Legislature. It was noted that Governor Branstad had yet to sign the bill authorizing the funding. Chair Gronstal mentioned that the funds will be used to provide a paid administrative support position for the Council through a one year contract for services.

Next Chair Gronstal talked with the Council about a delay in the election of officers until the July 20, 2012 Council meeting, but in order to do so, there would need to be a motion and a vote

from the Council. Also, anyone interested in serving as an officer should contact Ben Brustkern, Chair of the Nominating Committee, or Jeff Gronstal, Chair of the Iowa Council on Homelessness.

ACTION ITEM

On motion by Mr. Peterson to delay the election of officers until the July 20, 2012 meeting, the Council unanimously approved the motion.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Brustkern

Mr. Brustkern congratulated the new members who were recently appointed by the Governor to the Council: Marileigh Fisher with Community Housing Initiatives in Waterloo, David Hagen with Hawkeye Area Community Action Program in Cedar Rapids, and Tim Wilson with Willis Dady Emergency Shelter in Cedar Rapids.

ACTION ITEM

Mr. Brustkern stated there was a motion from the Nominating Committee to approve a new applicant to submit to the Governor for approval. That applicant is David Boss from Northeast Iowa Community Action in Decorah.

On motion by the Nominating Committee, the Council unanimously approved the application of David Boss to be submitted to Governor Branstad's office for approval. The Council unanimously approved the recommended application for David Boss.

ACTION ITEM

Mr. Brustkern then discussed the renewal applications of Council members that needed approval of the Council. The following members submitted renewal applications to sit on the Iowa Council on Homelessness: Al Axeen, Zebulon Beilke-McCallum, Ann Davidson, Carrie Dunnwald, Becky Falck, Kristine Harris, Cliff Heckman, Deb O'Tool, and Nancy Schulze.

On motion by the Nominating Committee, the Council unanimously approved the renewal applications that were submitted.

Continuum of Care Committee – Mr. Beilke-McCallum

Mr. Beilke-McCallum reported that the Continuum of Care Committee had met in April. The Committee is still waiting on the Continuum of Care regulations to come out. He also wanted to remind folks that hopefully there will be a new application process for applicants this year and he would encourage applicants to begin thinking about that.

Expanding Rapid Rehousing – Mr. Beilke-McCallum

Mr. Beilke-McCallum reported that Expanding Rapid Rehousing Committee also had a good meeting where the discussing centered on expanding rapid rehousing in the new ESG grant and what steps could be implemented to help folks through the requirements that are necessary when applying for the funding.

Public Affairs Committee – Mr. Wilson

Mr. Wilson began his report by stating that the Committee is currently seeking more members. He stated that the Committee would like to have a legislative day next session to let our legislators know what we're able to do with the new staffing position, what we're not able to do, and what we could do with more support.

Mr. Wilson then discussed an effort that the Committee is undertaking to raise awareness about homeless youth who participate in sports in Iowa.

Mr. Fidelis stated his desire to be a member of the Committee.

Progressive Engagement and Coordinated Intake – Mr. Hagen

Mr. Hagen reported that Waypoint in Cedar Rapids has taken the lead on the Linn County Pilot Project and that a fall rollout of this is expected. Committee members should expect a meeting shortly.

Research and Analysis – Special Presentation by Ms. Mitchell

Ms. Mitchell of the Iowa Institute for Community Alliances presented a detailed report of the Point in Time count that was conducted on January 25, 2012. The report indicated that the numbers stayed fairly similar to the 2011 Point in Time. A detailed report can be found in the resources for the meeting.

VI REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Ms. Lewis reported that the ESG Consolidated Plan Substantial Amendments for Federal FY 2011 Phase II and FY 2012 have been completed including the public comments and the state's responses. This has been submitted to HUD and you can view the finalized draft on the Iowa Finance Authority website.

She went on to report that on May 17, 2012, the Iowa Finance Authority did release the new Emergency Solutions Grant applications. The application may also be found on the Iowa Finance Authority website. She mentioned that there is no actual deadline yet because we are awaiting HUD's approval of the substantial amendments before we can make our competition official and binding; however the Iowa Finance Authority didn't want to hesitate the post the application so agencies would have time to complete it. It's just right now agencies can't submit their applications yet. Ms. Lewis stated that it should be by the end of June when we hear of approval

from HUD and we are not expecting any changes to have to be made to our substantial amendments.

Ms. Flores reported on a technical assistance opportunity provided by the SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery or SOAR that could be beneficial to the State of Iowa. As noted in the official press release, “The SOAR program assists states and localities to expedite access to the Social Security Administration’s (SSA) disability programs -- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) for persons who are homeless or at risk for homelessness and who have a mental illness, a co-occurring substance use disorder or other serious medical condition. Currently, all 50 states participate in the federally sponsored SOAR technical assistance (TA), but the strength and breadth of these efforts vary greatly in each state. CoCs are invited to submit a brief, 3-5 page application to participate in the SOAR TA Project by Friday, June 1, 2012. A message of interest and intent to file an application is requested, but not required, by Friday, May 18.”

ACTION ITEM

On motion by Ms. Flores and seconded by Mr. Beilke-McCallum to submit an application for SOAR’s TA Project, the Council unanimously approved the motion.

VII PUBLIC COMMENTS

Old Business:

Mr. Fidelis discussed his proposed committee with the Council. His proposal included a committee that would advocate to the Federal government to acknowledge and to respond to the Federal government’s role in creating homelessness and poverty and to have the Federal government take responsibility for creating the economic condition that causes poverty.

ACTION ITEM

On motion by Mr. Fidelis to create the proposed committee, the motion did not receive a second. The motion on the floor failed.

Mr. Beilke-McCallum suggested to Mr. Fidelis that possibly this could be a working group instead of a full-fledged committee.

New Business: None.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Heckman, Chair Gronstal adjourned the May 18, 2012 Iowa Council on Homelessness meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, July 20, 2012 in the Presentation Room of the Iowa Finance Authority at 2015 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

Iowa Council on Homelessness Members Present

1. Al Axeen, Hawkeye Area Community Action Program
2. Zeb Beilke-McCallum, Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence
3. Bill Brand, Iowa Department of Human Rights
4. Anne Brown, Iowa Department of Corrections
5. Ben Brustkern, Cedar Valley Friends of the Family
6. Crissy Canganelli, Shelter House
7. Ann Davidson, YWCA of Fort Dodge
8. Carrie Dunnwald, Cedar Valley Friends of the Family
9. Jane Erickson, Iowa Department on Aging
10. Becky Falck, SEIDA Community Action
11. Libris Fidelis, Consumer Representative
12. Marilieg Fisher, Community Housing Initiatives
13. Becky Flores (alt. for Theresa Armstrong), Iowa Department of Human Services
14. Jeff Gronstal, Chair, Iowa Department of Public Health
15. David Hagen, Hawkeye Area Community Action Program
16. Kristine Harris, Consumer Representative
17. Ann Hearn, Linn County Community Services
18. Cliff Heckman, VA Medical Center
19. Sandy Johnson, Iowa Department of Education
20. Barb Kellogg, North Iowa Community Action Organization
21. Nora Leuck, Mid-Iowa Community Action
22. Wes Peterson, Iowa Finance Authority
23. Ann Thomas (alt. for Donna Phillips), Iowa Attorney General's Office
24. Tony Timm, Central Iowa Shelter and Services
25. Tim Wilson, Willis Dady Shelter

Iowa Council on Homelessness Members Absent

* Denotes absence made known prior to meeting

1. Jeremy Babcock, Iowa Economic Development Authority
2. Chris Brooks, Pleasant Hill Police Department
3. Bob Brownell, Iowa State Association of Counties
4. Melissa Fulton, Consumer Representative
5. Amy Keairns, City of Sioux City
6. Tom Lampe, Iowa Department of Public Safety
7. Stefanie Munsterman-Robinson, Family Promise of Linn County *
8. Deb O'Tool, Domestic/Sexual Assault Outreach
9. Reginald Schmitt, Iowa League of Cities
10. Nancy Schulze, Heartland Family Services
11. Bob Steben, Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs*
12. Michael Witt, Iowa Workforce Development

Iowa Finance Authority Staff Present

1. Judy Hartman, Homeless Programs Administrative Assistant
2. Carolann Jensen, Chief Administration Officer
3. Amber Lewis, Homeless Programs Coordinator
4. Josh McRoberts, Affordable Rental Production Clerk Specialist

Others Present

1. Paula Arkema, Mid Iowa Community Action
2. Jessica Bartels, Fort Dodge Housing
3. Sr. Charla Bulko, Dubuque Community Y
4. Julie Davis, Fort Dodge Housing
5. Dave Eberbach, Iowa Institute for Community Alliances
6. Julie Eberbach, Iowa Institute for Community Alliances
7. Kristine Frakes, Des Moines Area Religious Council
8. Katie ?, Helping Services
9. Katie Gallo, Youth Emergency Services and Shelter
10. Gloria Gray, Children and Families of Iowa
11. David Hicks, Youth and Shelter Services
12. Marla Janning, New Opportunities
13. Michelle ?, Waypoint
14. Ruby McGraw, Burlington YWCA
15. Carolyn McIntyre, The Project of the Quad Cities
16. Diane McKee, Catholic Charities
17. Roberta Milinsky, Youth and Shelter Services
18. Eileen Mitchell, Iowa Institute for Community Alliances
19. LouAnn Mowery, Family Resource Center
20. Julie Nash, Boone County Homeless Prevention Board
21. Erin Porterfield, Metropolitan Area Continuum of Care for the Homeless, Omaha
22. Jan Rutledge, Iowa Legal Aid
23. Carrie Slagle, Waypoint
24. Jennifer Tibbets, Catherine McCauley Center
25. Brad Whipple, Iowa Homeless Youth Centers
26. Jami Wood, Upper Des Moines Opportunity

Dated this 21st day of May, 2012

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved as to form:

Chair

Secretary